

Claims 1-11 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 12-27 have been added and are pending. No new matter has been added. The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer-readable Sequence Listings are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

The requisite Declaration is attached.

The specification has been amended to include the attached English translation of the originally submitted copy of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Attached is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 17, 2001.

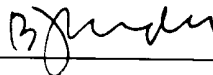
The requisite filing fee is attached.

Nothing further is believed to be required in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 17, 2001, however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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